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SUBJECT: U.S.-SURINAM CIVAIR RELATIONS

REF: PARAMARIBO 829; STATE A-9275 (1974)

1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING
RENEGOTIATIONS OF THE U.S.-NETHERLANDS AGREEMENT SINCE
THE REPORT CONTAINED REFAIR WAS TRANSMITTED.

2. U.S. INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION POLICY CONTINUES
TO REQUIRE THAT INTERNATIONAL ROUTES SHOULD BE ECONOMICALLY
VIALE, AND THAT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD LEAD TO AN
EQUITABLE EXCHANGE OF ROUTE RIGHTS. IN THE CASE OF
SURINAM, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT DIRECT U.S. SERVICE
COULD BE SUSTAINED ECONOMICALLY IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED
TRAFFIC GENERATING POTENTIAL OF SURINAM. NO U.S. AIRLINES
HAVE EXPRESSED ANY INTEREST IN ADDING SURINAM TO THEIR
CARIBBEAN OR SOUTH AMERICAN SCHEDULES. ACCESS BY A SURINAM
AIRLINE TO THE U.S., HOWEVER, WOULD BE A VALUABLE GAIN FOR
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SURINAM, SINCE ITS AIRLINE WOULD THEN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY

TO CARRY TRAFFIC NOT ONLY BETWEEN THE LARGE U.S. MARKET AND SURINAM, BUT POSSIBLY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND INTERMEDIATE (AND BEYOND) POINTS IN THIRD COUNTRIES. A SURINAM

AIRLINE SERVING THE UNITED STATES WOULD PROBABLY DIVERT SOME EXISTING CARIBBEAN TRAFFIC MOVING ON U.S. AIRLINES.

3. IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF A U.S.-SURINAM ROUTE AND THE INHERENT DISADVANTAGE TO THE U.S. AIRLINES IN ANY ROUTE EXCHANGE WITH SURINAM, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD DISCOURAGE ANY EXCHANGE AT THIS TIME. EMBASSY MAY INFORM ICAO MISSION OF ABOVE, BUT POINT OUT THAT QUESTIONS CONCERNING AIRLINE ROUTE EXCHANGES ARE ESSENTIALLY A BILATERAL MATTER BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. IF THE SURINAM AUTHORITIES WISH TO PURSUE THESE ISSUES IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ICAO TO REFER THEM TO THE EMBASSY.

4. COPIES OF U.S.-NETHERLANDS AGREEMENT AND STANDARD U.S. TEXT OF BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BEING POUCHED, AS REQUESTED. ROBINSON

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